THE FIFTH DAY.

19th February 1915.

The Assembly met at 11-30 A. M. on Friday, the 19th February 1915.

52. The rights of ryots to poramboke lands and the trees planted thereon.

Mr. K. M. Sivathanu Pillai (Member, Tovala taluk) said that the Land Conservancy Regulation did not recognise any preferential right to the improvements on *poramboke* and other Sirkar lands in so far as the occupants of such lands were concerned. He suggested that, in cases in which registry of the lands was found to be unobjectionable, the claim of the occupants should be recognised and the lands registered in their names in preference to others and that the Regulation should be so amended as to provide for the same.

He added that the *Kuthagapattom* rules should be modified and that the non-assessable or manure trees on Sirkar lands should be leased out without time-limit in the names of the ryots who planted them, on payment of an assessment of four cash per tree, in accordance with the order of Government No. 3686, dated 26th Medom 1082. In the taluk of Tovala, the *poramboke* lands consisted of only bunds of wet lands, banks of tanks and channels and the sides of the roads, and the trees on those lands were of great use to the cultivators. Hence, in the interests of agriculture, those trees should not be leased out by public auction, but should be given only to those who planted them, for the above stipulated *pattom*. He also requested that the ryots might be permitted and encouraged to plant manure trees on the *poramboke* lands referred to.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

53. The necessity for increased State help for the support and development of agriculture.

Mr. K. Krishna Panikkan (Member, Nominated) said that the *puncha* cultivation in the Mavelikara taluk was being damaged by the entry of brine from the Kayenkulam lake. The lands specially affected by the brine lay east of the Evur temple. To remedy the evil, he suggested that the bund (*muttu*) usually constructed near the Pathiyur bridge should be put up at a suitable place near the Erumayil bridge. Considerable difficulty was experienced in the transport of manure to the fields for *Virippoo* cultivation. As a measure of relief to the ryots, he requested that the village roads from Bhagavathi Padikal to Pathiyurkadavoo and from Chettikulangara to Thottakadavu should be gravelled. The two roads together were not more than two miles in length and they would serve, if improved, to facilitate the transport of manure to the fields. He added that Rs. 5000 was supposed to be spent every year in the maintenance of the village roads of the locality, but that no appreciable improvement had been effected in the said roads. He therefore requested that, out of the above amount, a portion might be ordered to be utilised for metalling the two aforesaid roads.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

54. The agricultural needs of the Vaikom taluk.

Mr. K. Narayana Pillai (Member, Vaikom taluk) pointed out that the cultivation in the taluk suffered very badly from excess of water and that the crops were damaged thereby almost every year to the great loss and hardship of the ryots. To prevent the evil, he suggested that the following works should be carried out:—

(i) The Vallayil *thodu* in the Thalayalam *pakuthi*, the Anchumuna *thodu* in the Vechoor *pakuthi* and the Kanian *thodu* in the Vaikom Vadakemuri *pakuthi* should be deepened and widened.

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